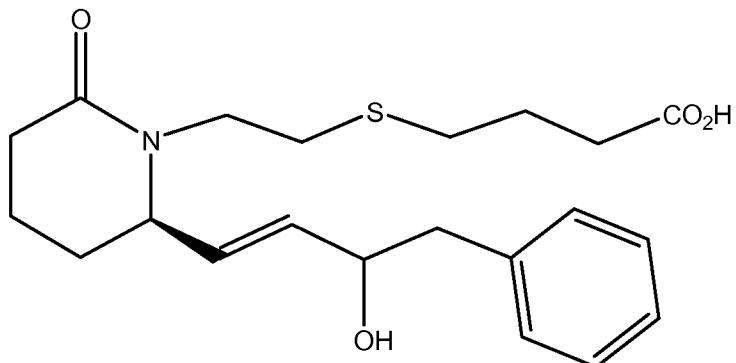


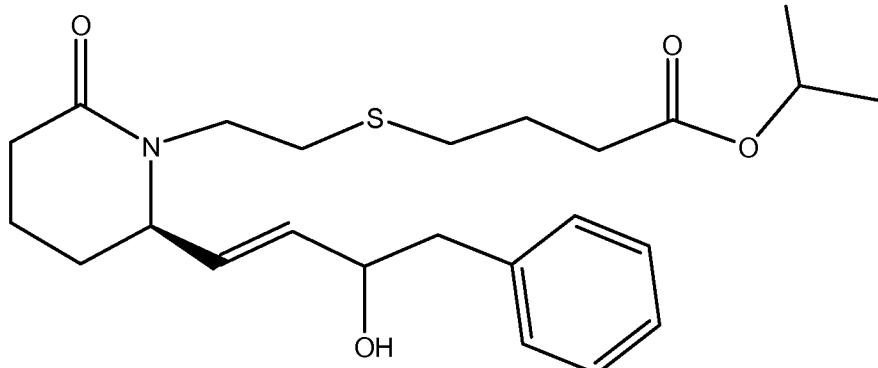
Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 comprising



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester prodrug thereof.

Claim 4 (Original) The compound of claim 3 consisting of



Claims 5-6 (Cancelled)

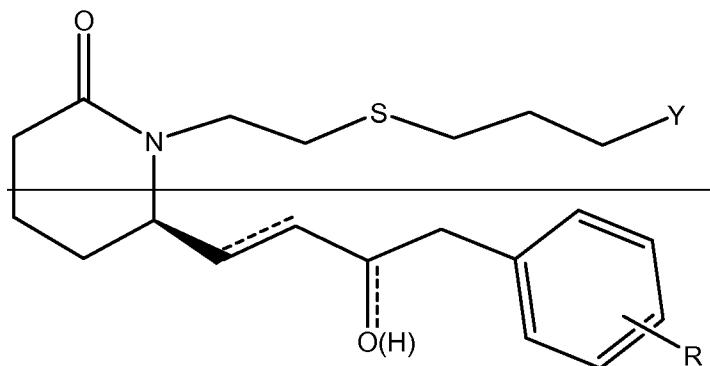
Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 comprising  
4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or  
4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid,  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester prodrug thereof.

Claim 8 (Original) The compound of claim 1 consisting of

4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or

4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A method comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 3 to a mammal, said method being effective in treating glaucoma, or preventing glaucoma in individuals with ocular hypertension, or treating intraocular hypertension, wherein said compound comprises



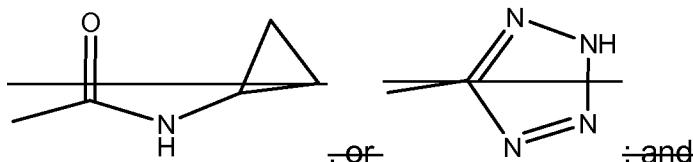
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof,

wherein a dashed line indicates the presence or absence of a bond, and an (H) represents a hydrogen atom which is present if required by said bond;

Y is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CONMe}_2$ ,  $\text{CONHMe}$ ,  $\text{CONHET}$ ,

$\text{CON}(\text{OCH}_3)\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CONH}_2$ ,  $\text{CON}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2$ ,  $\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,

$\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OH})_2$ ,  $\text{CONHSO}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NH}(\text{CH}_3)$ ,



R is selected from the group consisting of  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$  alkoxy, halogen,  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{COH}$ ,  $\text{COCH}_3$ ,  $\text{COCF}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{CN}$ , and  $\text{CF}_3$ .

Claim 10 (Cancelled)